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ABSTRACT

A mounting for a cycle wheel between the legs of a fork of a cycle frame in which the wheel has rolling bearings at opposite ends of a hub. The outer raceways of the bearings are de-mountably securable to the two legs of the fork, and the inner raceways are removably secured to the hub so as normally to remain attached to the hub if the wheel is de-mounted from the fork. Typically the hub has first and second wheel supports projecting axially outward therefrom, and each support has means for attaching thereto an inner raceway. The distal ends of the fork legs each comprises releasable retaining means for retaining an outer raceway. The wheel and rolling bearings can thereby be removed as a single unit from the fork when required. The releasable mounting includes a quick release catch and may be an annular clamp. Each rolling bearing is located in line with the fork leg to which it is attached, thereby reducing mechanical stress on the rolling bearing, and preferably is a sealed bearing.

By mounting the wheel hub to the inner raceways and releasably attaching the outer raceways to the legs of a fork, there is no requirement for any axle or other elongate member to support the inner raceways of the bearings and/or secure the wheel hub to the fork.